

Don't Burn Your Dollars When Money is Scarce

At the day, November 17, the School Board for School Districts 1 Fractional of the Townships of Bloomfield, City of Oak Dale and Southfield by a bare majority vote, voted to ask the people to approve a bond issue of \$224,000—approximately a quarter of a million dollars—for the construction of the Adams school.

The Board set the date of election for Monday, November 22, a period of only 20 days allowed for the people to consider and render judgment upon such a shocking proposition as is being offered.

Members Taylor and McCall, who are in private affairs, are large buyers in the lumber and building materials, opposed the construction of the Adams school at the present high peak of prices, and a postponement of the issue and a postponement be had until the price of lumber and building materials had subsided.

MEMBERS TAYLOR AND MCCALL STATED THAT THE PLANS CALL FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GRADE SCHOOL OF ONLY SIX ROOMS WITH OUR HANDSOME AND COMMODIOUS BALDWIN SCHOOL WAS BUILT THE COST WAS \$150,000. THE NOW PROPOSED BY THE MAJORITY OF THE BOARD WOULD TO PAY \$224,000 FOR ONLY A SIX ROOM SCHOOL WITH EXTRAS PROBABLY ADDED.

The cost of the Adams school is based on the present extravagant prices of building materials and the existing high cost of labor. Arrangements have been made to construct the Adams school at the benefit of lower prices that will be available before the building is erected, even during the inclement weather.

Members Taylor and McCall, who are in private affairs, are large buyers in the lumber and building materials, supply and demand and within a few months prices will be a good deal below the prices existing today. Huge

price fluctuations are inevitable by spring. The Adams school can and should be constructed at a saving of from \$50,000 to \$75,000 with a slight loss of time.

All are agreed that further accommodations are necessary. Schools must be built for our children, but municipalities should wait until prices are lower, when they know they are bound to be lower. This is exactly what the people are doing in their own private affairs.

For all kinds of temporary buildings, like the one now used as a day room in the Hill school--can be built for the money needed, for not over \$2500 each.

The Adams school will cost an interest alone on the difference between the present price of lumber and the Adams school will cost if the price of lumber had been at the present low level.

If you are a taxpayer, you should not vote to issue your \$224,000 of bonds for a school that is not available. When you call on the treasurer to pay your taxes, the tax is the highest you have ever paid. It will be larger next time by authority of the bond issue at the lowest peak of prices.

IF YOU APPROVE OF THE EXCESSIVE ISSUE PROPOSED YOU ARE BURDENING YOURSELF WITH AN UNNECESSARY DEBT THAT WILL ADD TO YOUR TAXES FOR FIFTEEN YEARS.

Birmingham needs a six room school but not at the extravagant figure of \$224,000—a sum far in excess of what the beautiful Baldwin High cost. If you burden the tax roll with this excessive amount now you will be delaying the construction of additional school facilities that will be needed long before the bond of this issue has been paid.

Let us wait three or four months until prices have gone back to normal and everybody admits they are rapidly going back to something approaching present prices. In the meantime the School Board can actually save money for the taxpayers by constructing low-priced temporary schools absolutely suitable. Pontiac has many such buildings.

Vote "No," November 29th

Polls open from 1 to 9 P. M., Election Time